

## From Washington.

Capt. Ingraham and Smith and Mr. Lott, U. S. N., have been appointed by the Secretary of the Navy, a Board of Commissioners, in accordance with a resolution of the Senate, for the purpose of examining into the merits of a newly invented "Life Preserver Steamboat."

Vice President Breckinridge has returned to Washington.

Hon. John Cadwallader, of Philadelphia, has been confirmed as the successor of Judge John K. Kane, Judge of the eastern district of Pennsylvania.

Hon. Ransom H. Gilles, of New York, has been confirmed as the successor of the Secretary of the Court of Claims.

The American Medical Association, assembled at the Smithsonian Institution, yesterday, the meeting was called to order, and the President, Dr. Paul F. Eve, of Tenn., was in the chair. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Byron Sunderland. Dr. Harvey Lindsey, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, welcomed the delegates in an appropriate address.

## COMMUNICATED.

A number of Dogs have within the last few days been found dead in the streets. It is said they were poisoned. A singular circumstance is, that they were all unknown dogs. If all the dogs on which no taxes are paid were to be killed, there would be fewer dogs in town than there are now by three hundred and fifty-one! P. O. NTO.

## COMMERCIAL.

**Alexandria Market, May 4.**  
No sales reported on Change, and the market is quiet. Quotations are unchanged, and receipts nominal.

**Alexandria Fish Market, May 4.**  
The arrivals to-day indicate an increase in the catch at the lower landings. The demand is very active, but we have very little change to note in prices. Sales of Shad at \$10 per hundred, Herring \$9.50 to \$10 per hundred.

**Baltimore Market.**  
BALTIMORE, May 4.—Flour is generally unchanged; Howard street and Ohio held at \$4.37 1/2, but buyers offer only \$4.25. Wheat is steady, white ranged from 115 to 135c—nothing was done in red. White Corn \$0.64c; yellow \$0.60c. Whiskey is steady, but no sales. Provisions are dull, and tending downward.

**Sales of Stocks in Richmond, May 4.**  
Virginia 6 per cent, 34 years to run, no sales at the Treasury.  
Virginia 6 per cent, shorter dates, sales \$91, and interest.

Bonds guaranteed by the State, sales \$90 and interest.  
Richmond City Bonds, sales \$92 and interest.  
Virginia Bank Stock, par \$70—sales \$74.  
Farmers Bank Stock, sales \$103 1/2.  
Exchange Bank Stock, sales \$103 1/2.  
Virginia Fire and Marine Insurance Stock, sales \$96.

Merchants Insurance Stock, last sales \$47.  
Richmond Fire Association Stock, par \$50, sales \$54 1/2.  
Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Stock, sales \$70.

Virginia Central Railroad Stock, last sales \$29.  
Richmond and Petersburg Railroad Stock, sales \$55.  
Richmond and Danville Railroad Stock, last sales \$57 1/2.

James River and Kanawha Stock, last sales \$8.  
Virginia Central Railroad Bonds, 71 and inst.  
Orange and Alexandria Railroad Bonds, 66 and inst.

Manassas Gap Railroad Bonds, 50 and inst.  
The New York money market last week did not exhibit a single feature of interest, nor is there any change to notice either in the rates or aspect. The supply still presses on the market, and is difficult to place, at even the low rates that have been ruling for some time past. The per of the better class is very scarce, and it is doubtful whether the bank statement made up will show any increase in the discount line. The specie average reported will be considerably larger, and it is thought by some that it will reach thirty five and a half millions.

**FRIENDSHIP FIRE COMPANY.**—At a meeting of this Company, May 3, 1858, the following proceedings were adopted:  
Whereas, the City Council having recently passed "An act to prevent the unlawful assembly, at or in, Engine Houses," it is therefore resolved, that while we fully commend the object of said act, we regard the means, by which an observance of order at Engine Houses, is sought to be effected, as injudicious, objectionable, and ineffectual.

2nd. That the favorable consideration which the City Council has always been to the communications of this Company, fully justify the belief that said act will be modified, if required, as to meet the wishes of the Firemen, and effect the desired result.

3rd. That as a company, we are as much in favor of law and order as the most orderly members of any "spontaneous meeting," whose active co-operation as firemen, rather than as members of such "meeting," would obviate all complaint as to the non-observance of order at Engine Houses.

4th. That it behooves those whose "self-respect" caused them to retire from the present organizations, to form an independent Company, in order that their valuable services be not wholly lost to the community.

5th. That to the "self-respect" of a "Fireman of 1827" was probably owing to the disastrous fire of that year, whereas had "young America," with its wonted energy, been "bobbing around" said \$250,000 fire, might not have been exceeded a false alarm.

6th. That considering the law in reference to the appointment of the Firemen, the Company's most directly affected thereby, has no quarrel with the City Council, nor any grievance to redress in regard to the late appointments.

7th. That the services and apparatus of this Company, so far as our present lack of hose will allow, are ever, as heretofore, subject to the call of our fellow-citizens, and we consider that on such occasions, every member of a "spontaneous meeting" will be "around" to man the rope, and break.

8th. That R. F. Prettyman, G. T. Whittington, J. W. Atkinson, and J. M. Muir be appointed to meet such committees as have been appointed by other Fire Companies, to consider the recent act of the City Council, in reference to Engine Houses.

9th. That these proceedings be published in the Gazette and Sentinel.

R. F. PRETTYMAN, President.  
R. BAYLIS, Secretary.

**FOR BALTIMORE.**—The steamship COLUMBIA, Capt. Harper, will leave for Baltimore, every Wednesday morning, at 7 o'clock, touching at Pine Point and the various landings on the river, with passengers and light freight. Apply to  
m h s—f WHEAT & BRO., Agents.

**FOR NORFOLK AND PORTSMOUTH.**—Schr. JERT, Captain Stone, will leave freight until Saturday. Enquire of J. Lindsey, 25 Union street.

**NOTICE.**—The copartnership of ROBINSON & KEYES, was dissolved March 17, 1858, by mutual consent.

**WINDSOR PLASTER.**—200 tons Windsor Plaster, to arrive shortly, for sale by  
FRESH TEAS.—15 half cases Gunpowder and Black Tea of good quality, just received, and for sale by  
JOHN A. DIXON, ap 30 Family Grocer.

**SUGAR CURED HAMS** and Shoulders of Bacon, just received and for sale by  
JOHN A. DIXON, [ap 29]

## By Yesterday Evening's Mail.

**KIDNAPING.**—About the 20th of April last, a man calling himself A. Burke, and hailing from Ohio, arrived in this city, having in charge a mulatto woman which he claimed as his slave. After remaining a few days he applied at the office of the Richmond and Fredericksburg company for tickets to Washington, but failed to get them because he was not prepared to give the requisite security for taking a servant North. Nothing daunted, he got on board the cars, with the woman, as they were about starting, but the Conductor discovered him, after he had gone some miles, and put him and the woman off Burke then returned to this city, put the woman into a negro-jail, and left for Washington. In a day or two thereafter he returned with a letter to Mr. F. W. Rosier, dated 26th of April, from F. B. French and E. L. Stevens, endorsing him as an honest, upright gentleman, who had purchased a slave in North Carolina, and was taking her to Ohio to emancipate her, and asking Mr. R. to aid him in getting tickets, the writers stating that he was not prepared to furnish that security. Knowing Mr. French well, Mr. Rosier rendered Burke all the assistance in his power, and even went with him to the railroad office, to enter into bonds and get the tickets. Officer Seal, who had been apprised of what had taken place, showed the letter alluded to, to several Justices, and by their advice, was about to allow the negro to go, when Burke took flight at the same imaginary danger and run off, leaving the negro behind. Finding that she was deserted, the negro woman then gave her name as Marinda, stated that she belonged to Mr. Alfred Moore, near Kingston, N. C., and admitted that she had been a runaway for more than two years. Mr. Moore was at once written to, and on arriving here called to see the woman, who readily recognised him and claimed him as her master. Yesterday morning she was turned over to her owner, who readily proved his right of property.—Rich. Dis.

**THE BIRTH-PLACE OF WASHINGTON.**—Gov. Wise, during his recent visit to the county of Westmoreland, completed the negotiations for the transfer to the State, of the birth-place of Washington and the burial-place of the Washington family. Mr. Wilson, the proprietor of the Wakefield estate, consents to give up an acre of ground, comprising the site of the house in which Washington was born. This area will be enclosed with an iron fence, and an appropriate monument erected on the spot. The negotiation includes the right of way across the plantation, to the road and to the vault; and this latter place is also to be enclosed and improved.

A man named Pruden, living near Meadsville, in Mooklenburg county, has been arrested and committed to jail on the charge of having murdered a negro woman some months ago. His repeated whippings had caused the woman to run away several times, and when last brought back to him, he uttered the threat that she should cause him no further expense. The woman was not again heard of, and the only explanation of her disappearance given by Pruden, was that he and she had probably absconded again. Recently about twenty-five persons assembled, with spades, and proceeded to search in a gully a short distance from Pruden's dwelling. They at length exhumed a corpse which proved to be that of the missing woman. Pruden was arrested.

The gun store of Mr. Sutherland, in Richmond, was broken into between 1 o'clock and Saturday night last, and six o'clock on Monday morning, and property consisting of fine pistols, cutlery, &c., to the amount of between \$300 and \$500 taken therefrom.

True bills have been found against the captain and 24 mate of the bark Ostavia, in the U. S. Court, at Richmond, who stand indicted for the murder of William Ennis, a sailor on the high seas.

## DIED.

On the 4th instant, at Howard, Fairfax County, Va., Gen. CHARLES FENTON MERCER, in the 50th year of his age. The funeral services will take place at the Theological Seminary Chapel, on Thursday, the 6th instant, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The public are invited to attend.

## ALMANAC.

| 1858.       | SUN. | MOON'S PHASES. |
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| MAY.        | 1    | 1st New Moon.  |
| 5 Wednesday | 5    | 1st Full Moon. |
| 6 Thursday  | 6    | 1st Last Moon. |
| 7 Friday    | 7    | 1st New Moon.  |
| 8 Saturday  | 8    | 1st Full Moon. |
| 9 Sunday    | 9    | 1st Last Moon. |
| 10 Monday   | 10   | 1st New Moon.  |
| 11 Tuesday  | 11   | 1st Full Moon. |

## LATEST DATES.

London, April 21. 1858. 1st New Moon.

## MARINE LIST.

**PORT OF ALEXANDRIA.—MAY 4.**  
ARRIVED.  
Schr. Robt. Wilber, Wingfield, Nomiul, wheat and corn to Washington & Co.  
Schr. Patra, Snow, Philadelphia, coal to ship Henry Harbeck.  
Schr. Maracinos, Taylor, Philadelphia, coal to ship Henry Harbeck.  
Schr. Anacosta, McCaw, Norfolk, coal by D. B. Smith.  
Schr. Vileta, Means, Georgetown, D. C., plaster to Fowle & Co.

## SAILED.

Schr. Black Bird, Weaver, East Greenwich, by Fowle & Co.  
Schr. Ann Caroline, Applegate, Boston, by Fowle & Co.  
Schr. Helen Mar, Tooker, Somerset, by Borden Mining Co.

## MEMORANDA.

Schr. Willard Phillips, Smith, from this port, arrived at Newburyport 30th ult.  
Schr. Roberts, Davis, from Georgetown, D. C., and Joseph Holmes, Holmes, from this port, arrived at New York 2d inst.

**NEW GARDEN.**—The subscriber, agent for William Hughes, of Washington city, respectfully informs the public that he has removed from Summer Hill, and taken the Lot on the west side of Hoof's run, belonging to Mrs. Catherine Deitz, where he will keep all the different varieties of FLOWERS and PLANTS, selected by himself with care. In his GREEN-HOUSE will be found at all times RARE and CHOICE FLOWERS. He desires a visit from the ladies and gentlemen of the city, feeling confident that they will be pleased with the arrangements of the grounds, and the variety and beauty of the PLANTS.

## JOHN F. CHAUNCEY.

**SLAVES WANTED.**—I wish to purchase, for self and brother, to go on a Cotton plantation, in Arkansas, TEN LIKELY NEGRO MEN, from 18 to 25 years of age. None but those of good character and dark complexion will suit.  
Persons having such Slaves for sale, who prefer selecting the purchaser who will hold them for his own use, will address the undersigned, at Chantilly P. O., Fairfax County, Va.  
ap 30—e3m S. T. STUART.

**NOTICE.**—All persons indebted to the Estate of L. C. Muehett, dec'd., are respectfully requested to make payment, and those having claims against the said estate, will present them to the undersigned for adjustment.  
R. W. WHEAT, ALLEN HOWISON, Executors of L. C. Muehett, dec'd.  
Princes William Co., my 3—e2w

## Congress.

In the Senate yesterday, a communication was received from the President in relation to an outrage committed on the family of Mr. Dixon, at Jaffa, in Palestine.

Mr. Stuart presented a petition for the establishment of a post-road.

Mr. Mason introduced a resolution for commencing the sittings of the Senate, on and after Monday next, at 11 o'clock, a. m.; agreed to.

Mr. Bigler reported a resolution looking to the sale of certain buildings in Philadelphia; agreed to.

In the House of Representatives, Committees were called for reports.

Mr. Blair, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, reported a bill to settle the private land claims in New Mexico.

Mr. Greenwood, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported a bill to confirm the sale of the reservation held by the Christian Indians, in Kansas, and provide permanent homes for them.

Mr. Faulkner, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill making appropriation for the completion of the military road from Astoria to Salem, in Oregon Territory.

Mr. Clingman, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, made a report, in effect condemning the entering of any foreign territory with which we are at peace for the purpose of making arrests, unless authorized by Congress to use the United States forces for that purpose.

Mr. Ritchie, of the same committee, made a minority report, returning thanks to Com. Paulding, his officers and men, for seizing William Walker.

Mr. Barksdale intended to offer a substitute—that Com. Paulding's capture of Walker was without authority, and meets the condemnation of this House.

Mr. Clingman moved to postpone the further consideration of these reports until 1 p. m., to-day.

Mr. Reagan moved to lay the report made by Mr. Clingman deprecating the Clayton-Bulwer treaty on the table. Agreed to.

The Minnesota State bill from the Senate, was taken up.

Mr. Sherman offered a substitute for the original bill, refusing to accept the Constitution, and authorizing the people of Minnesota to frame a new one.

E. BENNETT'S GREAT INDIAN TALE, E. BENNETT'S GREAT INDIAN TALE, E. BENNETT'S GREAT INDIAN TALE, E. BENNETT'S GREAT INDIAN TALE, E. BENNETT'S GREAT INDIAN TALE.

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AT ALL THE NEWS DEPOTS, AT ALL THE NEWS DEPOTS, AT ALL THE NEWS DEPOTS, AT ALL THE NEWS DEPOTS, AT ALL THE NEWS DEPOTS.

This is by far the most ABSORBING and THRILLING TALE OF LIFE AMONG THE INDIANS ever published. The heart-rending Trials, Sufferings, and Privations of the lovely heroine, BLANCHE BERTRAND, whose life was in constant peril, and who suffered more than pen can relate, during her captivity, will enlist the SYMPATHIES of every reader.

The popular and distinguished author has created his tale in a most masterly manner. In this class of Tales it is universally admitted that he has no equal at the present day.

In speaking of this new Tale, the LEOGER says:— "It is a narrative of wild and perilous adventure among the savages of our Western border, and is full of stirring incidents, intensified by poetic truth, and followed by subtle pathos."

THE NEW YORK LEDGER also contains contributions from the pens of the following distinguished writers:—

MRS. L. H. RENTICE, MRS. L. H. RENTICE, MRS. L. H. RENTICE, MRS. L. H. RENTICE, MRS. L. H. RENTICE.

A host of other popular authors, whose names constantly appear in its columns.

As an indication of the popularity of THE LEDGER, we need only mention the simple fact, that its circulation is larger than that of any TEN literary papers in the country.

The great success is owing to the fact that it secures the best writers in the country, and publishes the most interesting and useful of the BEST FAMILY PAPER—a paper of high moral tone.

The exalted reputation of its well-known contributors; the practical and unmistakably pure and healthy character of all its articles, and the care which is taken that not even one offensive word shall appear in its columns, have gained for the NEW YORK LEDGER a position that no literary paper has ever before occupied. We feel, and always have felt, since the LEDGER attained its immense circulation, that a tremendous responsibility rested on us, and have endeavored to discharge that responsibility conscientiously, feeling confident that ultimately we should receive the thanks of thousands and tens of thousands of families.

THE LEDGER is for sale every week at all the Periodical Stores throughout the United States.

The subscription price is \$2 per annum when sent by mail, but no subscribers are wanted from towns where there are news offices established.

ROBERT BONNER, Proprietor, my 5—1t 44 Ann street, New York.

**NEW BOOKS, PAPERS, AND MAGAZINES.**—AT FRENCH'S Book and Periodical Depot.

The American Illustrated Family Magazine for May, contains beautiful fashion Plates, numerous Patterns, a sacred song, "There's rest for thee in Heaven," and a choice variety of reading matter for the family, price 15c.

A fresh supply of the Quaker Soldier, or the British in Philadelphia, by a noted Judge, 2 vols., paper covers \$1.50; bound \$2.25.

Hide and Seek, by Willie Collins, author of the "Dead Secret," "Atter Cluck," etc., etc. "New York Ledger," "New York Mercury," "New York Weekly," "Flag," "Pictorial," "Waverley Magazine," "Leslie's Illustrated News," "Weekly Novelle," "Saturday Evening Post," and all the Weeklies and Monthly Magazines, on hand and for sale.

Yankee Notions for June, very funny number; call and get one before they are all sold.—Price only 10 cents.

## LOCAL ITEMS.

**COUNTY COURT.**—In the County Court, yesterday, four persons were naturalized. The grand jury found true bills against Thomas H. Wood, for petit larceny, and Charles Elliott for assault and battery, and made a favorable report on the condition of the jail.

Albert Doby who was committed to the jail of this county some time since to await a requisition from the Governor of Maryland, was ordered to be discharged, no authorized person appearing to demand him. The court adjourned until this morning at 10 o'clock.

**SOUTHERN COMMERCIAL CONVENTION.**—A meeting of citizens, was held at Sarcopa Hall, on Monday night, (the official proceedings of which will be found in another column of to-day's Gazette,) for the purpose of appointing delegates to attend the Southern Commercial Convention, which meets on the 10th instant, at Montgomery, Alabama.

W. D. Massey presided, and R. Zimmerman acted as Secretary. The object of the meeting having been stated by the Chairman, on motion of T. T. Hill, forty-three delegates were appointed, to which the Chairman and Secretary were added, to attend the Convention. Several speeches were made on the occasion.

**POTOMAC RIVER TRADE.**—To retain and increase the trade of the counties in Maryland and Virginia, bordering upon the Potomac river, is an object worthy of the most serious attention and the most constant exertions of our merchants and business men.

Baltimore is holding out every inducement possible, to divert this trade to that city, and the design has been accomplished to a greater extent than is generally supposed. The facilities of access to Alexandria are so much greater than those to Baltimore, that it would seem natural to us should have the undivided business of the whole section of country referred to. But this is not the case—and it behooves all interested in the prosperity and welfare of our city, to exert their best efforts to regain what has been lost, and secure for the future, the whole Potomac trade.

We throw out the suggestion now, in order to call public attention to the subject—intending hereafter to make further remarks in relation to it, if it should be necessary.

In the mean time, we trust our merchants and all interested, will do all in their power in furtherance of a matter in which Alexandria is so much interested.

**ALEXANDRIA.**—In an article in DeBow's Review for May, on Virginia, and the Chesapeake Bay, it is said—"Alexandria, our young giant of the Potomac, enjoys a site equally as favorable as that of Baltimore, and in relation to the lakes, her geographical position is even more favorable than that of either Philadelphia or New York. A few miles more of connection by railroads will give to Alexandria all the advantages which Baltimore enjoys through their means."

**RELIGIOUS SERVICES.**—The celebration of the Month of Mary, usual in the Catholic Church during May, was commenced in St. Mary's Church on Saturday morning last, and is continued every day at 6 o'clock, A. M. Considerable congregations attend the services, and the fine singing by the children of St. Mary's Sunday School renders them highly interesting.

**ILLNESS OF GEN. C. F. MERCEUR.**—We regret to learn that the venerable Charles Fenton Mercer, is lying dangerously ill at Howard, the residence of Rev. J. P. McGuire in Fairfax County, a short distance from this city. His disease is cancer and but little hope is entertained of his recovery.

P. S. We learned at a late hour last night that Gen. Mercer died yesterday afternoon.—See obituary head.

**APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES.**—We understand that Messrs. John Muir, George T. Whittington, James Atkinson and Robert F. Prettyman have been appointed to represent the Friendship Fire Company, No. 1, in the Firemen's Convention, now in session.

**SALE OF STATUARY, &c.**—The collection of Italian Marble and Alabaster Statuary, vases and groups, Bohemia Glassware, and French Chinaware, &c., &c., offered for sale, at auction, at American Hall, by Signor Pandolfini & Co., is one of the finest and most beautiful we ever had the pleasure of examining, and our citizens will now have an opportunity of adorning their houses with the beauties of Art, and of procuring at very moderate cost, the most elegant articles for daily household use. We would advise a visit to American Hall, where there are articles on exhibition. The sale takes place to-day and to-morrow, and will be positive.

**LIBERTY HALL** was opened on Monday night, by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Drew, with one of their Drawing-room entertainments; and notwithstanding the absence of the musical part of the programme, (owing to circumstances beyond their control) the performance of each was of a character rarely witnessed here. Mrs. Drew's illustrations of the eleven different characters in which she appeared, were of the highest order, and reflected great credit upon her as a popular performer.

This evening closes their engagement, and we hope they may be patronized with an audience worthy of their efforts to please.

The old Board of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company have commenced measures in the Washington Circuit Court, against their successors. They have elected to try the method of remedy by mandamus, and the Court has appointed Saturday next for the new Board to show cause why such mandamus should not issue.

The managers of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, intend on Monday next, starting an accommodation train from Baltimore at 6.45, a. m., which is expected to reach Washington at 8.30, a. m. At the same time they are disposed to issue season tickets all the way through from Washington to Baltimore, as well as to the intermediate places, as formerly, and also to issue round trip tickets for the night as well as for the day.

## FIREMEN'S CONVENTION.—The Committee

appointed by the different companies to consider the late act of Council relative to assemblies in Engine Houses, met at Relief Hall, on Monday evening; the following companies being represented, viz: Sun, No. 2, by Messrs. Hugh Litham, J. H. Tatsapagah and Charles D. Radd. Relief, No. 3, by Messrs. Stephen Shion and John W. Green.

Star, No. 4, by Messrs. John Leadbeater, C. C. Berry and E. H. Dolahay.

Hydraulic, No. 5, by Messrs. Benj. Barton, Richard L. Caroe, jr., and Stephen Swain.

The Convention having been organized by the appointment of Mr. S. Shion of No. 3, Chairman and Mr. Caroe of No. 5, Secretary, Mr. Litham of No. 2, offered a preamble and resolutions relative to the appointment of Fire Wardens, the act to prevent assemblies in Engine Houses, &c.; which, after a full discussion, were, on his motion, laid on the table, in consequence of the Friendship being unrepresented in the Convention.

On motion of Mr. Caroe of No. 5, the Chair was requested to appoint a committee of one from each company to take into consideration all matters affecting the interests of the Department, and suggest such measures as may tend to promote greater harmony among the companies. The chair appointed Mr. Whittington of No. 1, Mr. Litham of No. 2, Mr. Lambert of No. 3, Mr. Berry of No. 4, and Mr. Caroe of No. 5.

The convention then adjourned to meet at the Hall of the Sun Fire Company to-morrow evening, (6th inst.) at 8 o'clock.

**DR. THOS. W. FINNEY.**—To the universal regret of the people of this neighborhood, this gentleman who for the past year has practiced his profession here, announced a few days ago, his intention of returning to Spotsylvania county. In the short time that Dr. F. has been among us, he has by his gentlemanly bearing, urbanity and courtesy to every one and the great skill as a physician, that he possesses, so endeared himself to the hearts of all, that no other feeling but that of deep regret is at this leaving us, is experienced by a single individual with whom he has been acquainted.

The citizens of Brentsville gave Dr. Finney a supper on the night of the 28th ult., the eve of his departure.—Brentsville Journal.

The Germans who assailed the poor woman on the road between Bladensburg and Washington, in the early part of last month, were arraigned on Monday, but informed the Judge that owing to their poverty they had no counsel, whereupon the Court said that they should be provided with an advocate.

**LIBERTY HALL!**

**MR. & MRS. FRANK DREW,** WILL GIVE THREE OF THEIR CELEBRATED Drawing Room Entertainments!! On MONDAY, TUESDAY, and WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, May 3d, 4th, and 5th, 1858.

Mrs. FRANK DREW, the celebrated Comedienne and most versatile Actress of the day will Personate 11 different Characters, and execute SEVEN SONGS and FIVE DANCES!

Mr. FRANK DREW, the celebrated Comedian, as FRED DORRITT, with Songs, Dances, &c. Admission 25 cents.—Parquette 37 1/2 cents. my 3—3t

**WHAT HOLLANDERS THINK OF BERRHAVE'S HOLLAND BITTERS!**—J. Quintus, editor of the Sheboygan Newswode, in a letter dated September 6th, 1854, thus remarks:—"You will observe that I have published several certificates lately. These are not mere 'puffs,' but literally true; and should you continue advertising with us, you may expect to secure large orders, from every Holland settlement in the United States." This is an extract from one of the many letters received from the Holland settlements. Surely when Hollanders recommend the HOLLAND BITTERS so warmly, Americans may not hesitate in testing them for themselves.

**CAUTION!**—Be careful to ask for BERRHAVE'S HOLLAND BITTERS. Sold at 61¢ per bottle or 6 bottles for \$5, by the sole proprietors, BENJAMIN PAGE, JR., & CO., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Sold in Alexandria, by PEEL & SONS, Wholesale Agents; WM. A. HART, J. R. PICKFORD, and by Druggists generally, throughout the United States. my 3—e2w

**ALEXANDRIA AGENCY OF THE NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE CO.**

A meeting of the Local Board of Directors for the New York Life Insurance Company, at the Capital, in the city of Richmond, the following was unanimously adopted:

The undersigned, President and Directors of the Company, have examined the Report and Exhibit of the New York Life Insurance Company for the year ending the 31st of January, 1858, and being satisfied with its prosperous condition, cordially recommend it to the encouragement and support of the community.

The New York Life Insurance Company has been in existence for thirteen years, and its capital has attained the sum of \$1,400,000 25, invested in

**STATE STOCKS, AND BONDS, AND MORTGAGES ON REAL ESTATE.** We think it a most profitable and safe mode of investing money. The profits return to the benefit of the insured, and have averaged not less than thirty per cent per annum on the premium paid. Besides these investments in stocks, &c., the law of New York requires, as additional security, that \$100,000 shall be deposited with the State Comptroller, to meet any law suit demands which the Company may fall to pay.

We invite attention to the nature, objects and advantages of Life Insurance as set forth by this Institution.

**THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT.** Amount of assets, January 1, 1858, \$1,405,736 91. Interest, &c., to January 1, 1858, 474,391 32.

**DISBURSEMENTS.** Paid losses by death, interest on dividends, and other expenses, 217,4